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For: METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING  
MOLECULAR SWITCHES INVOLVING  
CIRCULAR PERMUTATION

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Examiner: J. S. Ketter

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Final Office Action dated September 13, 2011 together with a Request for a two-month Extension of Time and the requisite fees. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted concurrently herewith. Applicants believe that no other fees are required for consideration and entry of this paper. Nevertheless, Applicants hereby authorize the Director to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under order no. 62568(71699).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.